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SUBJECT: CIA ALLEGATION IN GUJARAT LEGISLATURE

1. DURING A MARCH 10 RAJYA SABHA DEBATE ON TAMIL NADU, CONGRESS (R) MP MANUBHAI SHAH STATED THAT FOUR PARTY WORKERS OF THE JANATA FRONT IN GUJARAT WERE ARRESTED IN BARODA, GUJARAT ON MARCH 10 WHILE ATTEMPTING TO DISPATCH 700 DETONATORS TO BENARES, UTTRA PRADESH. SHAH REPORTEDLY EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT THOSE ARRESTED WERE ACTING WITH A VIEW TOWARD THE PRIME MINISTER'S MARCH 13 VISIT TO BENARES. RESPONDING FOR THE GOI, DEPUTY MINISTER OF STATE FOR HOME AFFAIRS, F. H. MOHSIN, ASSERTED THAT TAMIL NADU AND GUJARAT WERE THE "CENTER OF ALL DISRUPTIVE ELEMENTS" AND AND ANNOUNCED THAT AN INVESTIGATION WOULD BE LAUNCHED INTO THZV INCIDENT. BOTH MOHSIN AND SHAH'S COMMENTS WERE CARRIED IN THE PRESS.

2. ACCORDING TO MARCH 12 PRESS REPORTS, SHAH'S ALLEGATIONS

LED TO A 120 MINUTE DEBATE IN THE GUJARAT LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

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MARCH 11. CONGRESS (R) MEMBERS ARE REPORTED IN THE PRESS TO HAVE

CHARGED THE PEOPLES FRONT GOVERNMENT WITH "DEEP INVOLVEMENT" IN
THE DYNAMITE CASE AND TO HAVE ALLEGED THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAS
"DEFINITE LINKS" WITH THE CIA. SPOKESMEN FOR THE STATE GOVERN-
MENT DENIED THE CHARGE.
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